(b) to (d) About 408 Lok Adalats have been organised at which about 318614 cases have been settled, the details of which are as follows:

S. No.	State	No. of Adalats organised	No. of cases disposed of
1	Andhra Pradesh	14	17691
2	Bihar . .	5	13184
3	Goa . .	1	38
4	Gujarat . .	6	1064
5	Haryana . .	20	18539
6	Karnataka .	48	3267
7	Madhya Pradesh	27	156260
8	Maharashtra .	184	7655
9	Orissa . .	5	1269
10	Rajasthan .	7	4819
11	Tamil Nadu .	1	113
12	Uttar Pradesh .	86	93676
13	West Bengal .	1	61
14	Delhi .	1	505
15	Pondicherry .	2	60
		408	318614

Information regarding the number of cases which came up before each Lok Adalat is not, however available.

(e) Lok Adalats are organised by the respective State Legal Aid and Advice Boards Normally, all expenditure in this regard is met by the State Boards.

(f) Lok Adalats are not regularly consituted courts but are voluntary agencies They are organised and overseen by the State Legal Aid and Advice Boards in different parts of the country from time to time. It cannot precisely be stated as to how many Lok Adalats are likely to be held during 1st December, 1987 to 31st December, 1988.

Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha seats lying vacant

3621. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY. Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha seats have been lying vacant as on 30th November, 1987;

(b) if so, what is the number of seats lying vacant for Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha separately;

(c) since when these seats are lying vacant and the reasons thereof;

(d) what are the reasons for not filling these seats; and

(e) whether Government propose to fill all these seats and if so, by when all these seats are likely to be filled in?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H R BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As on 30th November, 1987, there are only 9 seats lying vacant in both the Houses of Parliament of which 8 are in Lok Sabha and one is in Rajya Sabha.

(c) The particulars of vacant seat in both the Houses of Parliament are given in Statement I attached. (*See* below)

(d) and (e) Of the 8 seats lying vacant in the Lok Sabha, two seats—38—Sesaram (SC) from Bihar and 81-Baghpat from Uttar Pradesh—which are lying vacant for quite some time could not be filled up so far, as election petitions are pending in the respective High Courts

The position with respect to the other 6 vacancies is given in Statement II attached. (*See* below)

As regards the vacancy in Rajya Sabha from West Bengal the term of the deceased Member is only upto 2nd April, 1988 and the Election Commission did not consider it necessary to fill this vacancy for the remaining short portion of the term.

Statement - I

Particulars of vacant seats in both the Houses of Parliament

State	No. & Name of the Constituency	Vacancies	
		Date	Cause
	HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE		
Bihar	38-Sasaram (SC)	5-7-86	Death
Gujarat	18-Godhra	20-11-87	Do.
Haryana	10-Sirsa (SC)	30-10-87	Do.
J & K	5-Udhampur	27-11-87	Do.
Kerala	4-Calicut	22-10-87	Do.
Rajasthan	21-Pali	10-3-87	Do.
Uttar Pradesh	56-Allahabad	23-7-87	Resignation
	81-Baghpat	29-5-87	Death
	COUNCIL OF STATES		
West Bengal		22-2-87	Death

position with respect to six vacancies in Lok Sabha.

(1) *4-Calicut of Kerala*:

The Election Commission had fixed the programme for holding this bye-election with the issue of notification on 3rd December, 1987 and the date of poll on 4th January, 1988. However, one political party and the State Government requested the Commission to defer the date of poll due to an important festival and a revised programme is under consideration.

(2) *21-Pali of Rajasthan*:

The State Government of Rajasthan has recently intimated that after considering the famine conditions and law and order problems in the district, it will not be advisable to hold the bye-election for the time being and promised to review the position after 3 months. The Election Commission felt that the period of further 3 months is too long a period and requested the State Government to review the position and sent its considered view latest by 1st week of January, 1988.

(3) *56-Allahabad of Uttar Pradesh*:

In a recent communication, the State Government of Uttar Pradesh have intimated that the law and order situation is still tense and the District authorities are very busy with preparations for "Magh Mela". Apart from this, keeping in view the drought conditions, the State Government is of the opinion that holding a bye-election at this stage is not desirable. The Election Commission proposes to review the position by the end of December, 1987.

(4) *18-Godhra of Gujarat*

(5) *10-Sirsa (SC) of Haryana*

(6) *5-Udhampur of Jammu and Kashmir*

So far as these 3 remaining vacancies are concerned, they occurred only in the recent past and the Commission is in touch with the States concerned to fix a programme to hold the bye elections.

The Election Commission proposes to fill the vacancies as early as possible in all the State.